



## Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Member Attendance:** Kathy Billman, Karen Godfrey, Carolyn Kraskey, Lisa Dankert, Nancy Cameron, Gloria Zopfi, Annie Piper, Shawn Owen

**Board Attendance:** Jim Billman, Sandy Reitsma, Nikki Owen, Cathy Bosnic, Lynda Lee Peterson

**Guest:** None

**Quorum:** Quorum Confirmed? Yes

**Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Jim Billman, President.

**Minute Review:** Misspellings and other minor Corrections.

Motion to Accept: Sandy Reitsma  
Seconded: Lisa Dankert  
Vote – Passed

**President Report:** Nothing at this time

**Secretary Report:** Nothing at this time

**Treasurer Report:** Statements: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Checking:	\$ 10,346.05
Share Savings:	\$5.00
Money Market:	\$ 92,091.21
Total:	\$ 102,442.26

Online Account Balance as of Today: \$ 10,329.05  
Balance Confirmed by Jim Billman

Charitable Donations update: Board approved to donate for Give to the Max today. She did try to go onto the site to do so but the site has been problematic and has had issues to get it sorted out correctly. 4 charges did finally go through. Called the bank, they were not helpful. Called Give to the Max and got a lot of help. The 4 charges have been terminated and will not be processed. Cathy is going to try after the meeting to get these donations completed using the Checking account information instead of the Credit Cards.

*Jim:* how can we fix this?

*Cathy:* It does not appear to be something we can get corrected. It may just be how they have things set up. It can be frustrating when this happens

*Lisa:* I thought we changed it so that Cathy was the Primary?

*Cathy:* That did not appear to work

*Lisa:* perhaps we need to close the account and reopen a new one under the right name

*Jim:* I think we should work with the bank

Motion to Accept: Carolyn  
Seconded: Lynda Lee  
Vote: Passes

## Committee Reports:

- Cluster:** Round Two of Judge assignments just wrapped up. It is going well so far, knock on wood. Cluster committee is back to full strength. The Cambridge club has appointed Theresa Goiffon and the show chair for Cambridge is Karen Lawrence. First meeting was Monday with Theresa and is going well  
*Jim:* News about Westminster and our club?  
Westminster has changed their date to may for this year supposedly to May. We don't know about long term but at least 2023 will be clear. It did help with us with a judge as well as there was a change in foreign judges had previously been limited to 8 days of shows but can now work up to 16 days. This allowed one of our Canadian Judges to give us 4 full days this year.
- Obedience:** Nothing at this time – Successful Show
- Agility:** everything is on track. It is at cloud nine again this year. We are full on Saturday and only have 10 openings for Sunday as of last week. Volunteers that are associated with our entries is doing well but if anyone in the club is interested in learning we would appreciate it. Pam and Gloria are going to start picking up some food next week. Everything is working along. The event is Dec 10th and 11th. Annie Pieper is also volunteer. Carolyn Kraskey also has volunteered.
- Charitable Donation:** Donations are on track and see Treasures report for Give to the Max info.  
*Karen:* We submitted a list, and it was above the limit we discussed previously. Has the board acted on it?  
*Jim:* Yes, we did. It was completed by email and will finish discussion at the next month's board meeting  
*Cathy:* for the Sharif's donation, can you give her the contact person to get it over to them ASAP  
*Gloria:* who is it that we are discussing donations for. I would like to discuss who we are donating to and where the money is going.  
*Cathy:* The three that were selected for Give to the Max day were as follows:  
*Alexander House* which is a women's shelter  
*Toys for Joy's* which is the Anoka County Realtors Associate that we have donated to for years  
*Soldiers 6* Which is an org that supports dogs for PTSD Veterans  
*Anoka County Shariff's K9* is the Second \$3,000 donation of the 3 we promised  
Last year we had donated \$7,000 so there is another \$1000 we could donate out.  
Additional discussion continued with the conclusion being that we need to be more proactive about the donations and who we are selecting prior to final decisions being made.
- Scholarship Committee:** Randy and Gloria will connect at the show and they will work to get the dates updated on the applications and then looking at getting them distributed.
- Website:** Updates Coming...Life has been crazy
- Sunshine:** Nothing at this time
- Education/Programs:** Still need someone to step up to take on this position
- Banquet/July picnic:** Nothing at this time.

*Gloria:* are we going to pay for catering again this year? Do we want to look into tracking who volunteers and only give those that volunteer a free meal?

*Jim:* this needs to be discussed by the board and will likely be part of the Budget discussion in February

**Job Description Book:** Will pick back up after the 1st of the year. We do have a head start.

**Dog Subsidy Program:** Nothing at this time

**Meet The Club:** Will pick back up after the 1st of the year.

*Gloria:* MPBPDA will be a huge help.

*Nikki:* the focus will be to start out with the Fair as the focus and use that as our starting point. We can then take what we learn from there and start working towards other opportunities

*Lisa:* that wasn't the original purpose for the group, it was originally to utilize the AKC Meet the Club program that contacts everyone that has purebred dogs in the area about an event.

*Gloria:* your right as it would correlate better if we were going to the Anoka County Fair but I'm kind of against going to the Anoka County Fair because it is so hot there.

*Lisa:* I agree, and we can change the focus of the committee. Originally we had talked about doing something similar with the dogs but not at the fair. How many people from Anoka County are we going to reach at the State Fair

*Cathy:* I think we can multi-task with this one and blend in the AKC program with the State Fair

*Annie:* AKC sends it out to everyone which has purchased a Purebred dog and they can turn out to have more people reaching out with complaints and referring of problems.

*Lisa:* Educate, Educate, Educate,

*Annie:* and I do that, a lot. The fact of the matter is that they are probably not going to go into confirmation. Just be careful what you wish for.

*Gloria:* We used to do the Fair with Dogs and that was an awesome promotion but it was just as much if not more work than putting on a dog show

*Sandy:* more work than a dog show.

*Gloria:* it was a great event but a lot of work. After the first of the year we can toss some ideas around. Maybe other city events.

*Nikki:* really need to get together and sort out exactly what this committee is about and what we would like to do. Perhaps even expand it to include any event of this nature.

**Nomination Committee:** We did not receive anyone asking to be on the board, so this year is putting forward the current position holders. If anyone wishes to nominate someone from the floor that will be Next Month.

**President:** Jim Billman

**Treasurer:** Cathy Bosnic

**General Member:** Lynda Lee Peterson

*Karen:* Maybe we should send out a copy of the By-Laws again:

*Jim:* We have done so multiple times.

*Nikki:* when I send out the notifications for next month that I state the rolls, and that nominations will be taken from the floor.

*Jim:* how should we send out another copy of the By-laws and Constitution

*Karen:* are they on the website?

*Nikki:* Yes!

*Karen:* Include a reminder that they are on the website as well, and where they are as well as that they should review them before the meeting

*Gloria:* how about a program night to go over the By-laws and Constitution

*Many:* Great idea!

*Lisa:* Include the section about how to do a nomination from the floor

*Nikki:* I'm planning on sending a copy of the By-laws and constitution as well.

**Membership:**

Second Readings

Jami Meath  
5642 26<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bethel, MN 55005  
Has GSD's

Junior Member: Theodore Joshua Moore (Josh)

5642 26<sup>th</sup> Ave Ne  
Bethel, MN 55005  
Great Dane and GSD's

Motion to accept new members: Lynda Lee Peterson

Second: Annie Piper

Vote: Passes

First Reading

Patricia Raymond  
10906 Eagle St NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
Is also a member of the Central Retrieve Club  
Interested in Training, Shows and trial  
Has 4 Golden Retrievers, all dogs

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Sandy Reitsma – Does the Anoka Club want to do a benefit on the Friday of the Summer Solstice?

- Gloria: For what purpose? In favor of the idea but would need to be supported by the club, not just a couple people
- Karen: for 2022 we did it for Take the Lead, before that we did it to support cancer research.
- Gloria: How about we do something for cancer research for dogs? Is there something else that is specifically for dogs?
- There are a lot of places in MN that does cancer research for dogs. The Madiano Lab is one of the top cancer research labs in the country for dogs.
- Gloria - it would be nice if we can do it as a club event
- Nikki - we will likely have more people help if it is at the solstice
- Gloria – That is very true. What does everything think? Is this a good one?
- Sandy – I think it's a wonderful idea. in the past we have tried to do so with both groups but it has always fallen to the Anoka club
- Karen - it's a great cause but her concern that we are going to need the premium list turned in. If this is something we are going to do we need it running ASAP.
  - Gloria makes a motion to hold a benefit on the Friday of the Solstice for Cancer Research in Dogs with "Modiano Lab" with Dr Jaime Madiano at the U of MN
  - Lynda Lee seconds
  - Vote: Passes
- Gloria: what do we need for the premium list?
- Karen: We need something in there. We can probably do Menu to be determine but we need what it is and when it is
- Gloria will be the Chairman
- Gloria will get Karen the information by the end of the weekend so we can get it on the premium list

- Lisa: any idea how much this will cost
- Jim: We will need to get these things determined soon so they can get into the premium list and the rest of the details after
- Gloria: we can hand out fliers to those parking RV's and it is a great way to get people

**Adjourn**

Motion to Accept: Gloria Zopfi  
Seconded: Sandy Reitsma  
Vote - Passes  
Time Adjourn: 8:13 pm

**Braggs:**

Respectively Submitted,  
Nichol Owen  
ACMKC Secretary